

F. DALE GRUBB

STATE REPRESENTATIVE



INDIANA

quick facts

- ▶ Admitted to the Union as the 19th state on December 11, 1816
- ▶ Capital: Indianapolis (Corydon was the state capital until 1825)
- ▶ Population: 6,195,645 (2003 estimate)
- ▶ Geographic Area: 36,291 square miles (38th in size in the United States)
- ▶ Altitude: average of 700 feet, ranging from 320 feet in Posey County to 1,257 feet in Wayne County
- ▶ Climate: four distinct seasons with an average rainfall of 40 inches, an average summer temperature of 70 to 80 degrees fahrenheit and an average winter temperature of 25 to 35 degrees fahrenheit.

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GOVERNMENT, RESOURCES, SPORTS

INDIANA SPECIAL DAYS OF CELEBRATION

► George Rogers Clark Day February 25

Adopted by the 1975 General Assembly to celebrate the accomplishments of Clark in the American Revolution; on February 25, 1779, the British surrendered to Clark at Vincennes, Ind.

► Northwest Ordinance Day July 13

Adopted by the 1988 General Assembly to celebrate the adoption by the U.S. Congress in 1787 of this ordinance which established the Northwest Territory.

► Indiana Day December 11

Adopted by the 1925 General Assembly to commemorate the admission of Indiana to the Union in 1816 as the nineteenth state.

Government

Indiana's form of government is closely modeled on the federal government with three branches: executive, legislative and judicial. The Governor, elected for a four-year term, heads the executive branch. The General Assembly, the legislative branch, consists of the Senate and the House of Representatives. Indiana's fifty State Senators are elected for four-year terms and one hundred State Representatives for two-year terms. In odd-numbered years, the General Assembly meets in a sixty-one day session. In even-numbered years, the Assembly meets for thirty session days. The judicial branch consists of the Indiana Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and local circuit courts. On the national level, Indiana is represented in Congress by two Senators and nine Representatives.

Education

In Indiana, public schools for K-12 are set up as consolidated school districts with local school boards, along with the state, responsible for meeting the educational needs of the local community. Indiana also has several nationally known private schools such as Howe and Culver military academies.

Public institutions of higher learning include Ball State University, Community College of Indiana, Indiana State University, Ivy Tech State College, University of Southern Indiana and Vincennes University. The two largest public universities are Purdue University at West Lafayette and Indiana University at Bloomington. Both have established regional campuses around the state. Purdue leads the nation in undergraduate engineering enrollment and IU graduates more medical doctors than any other school. The University of Notre Dame at South Bend is one of the most prestigious Catholic universities in the world. Butler University, Indianapolis; DePauw University, Greencastle; Wabash College, Crawfordsville; and Earlham College, Richmond are other notable private institutions.

Recreation and Sports

Over 1.1 million acres of land are available for outdoor recreation in Indiana. The Department of Natural Resources operates parks, forests, nature preserves, fish and wildlife areas, museums and memorials across the state. Brown County State Park and the Indiana State Museum at Indianapolis are two of the more popular facilities.

Indianapolis has become a major center for sporting events. Besides being home of the Indiana Pacers professional basketball team and the Indianapolis Colts in pro football, Indianapolis is also the home of the Indians baseball team and the host to the Indy 500 in May, a Formula One race in June and the Brickyard 400 in August, run at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and the RCA Championship tennis matches each summer.

11 Details of Indiana



► Poem—*Indiana* by Arthur Franklin Mapes

► Bird—cardinal

► Tree—tulip tree

► Flower—peony

► Stone—Salem limestone

► Language—English

► River—Wabash River

► Motto—The Crossroads of America
(1937 General Assembly resolution)

► Nickname—The Hoosier State

► Song—*On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away* by Paul Dresser

► Flag—The blue and gold state banner was adopted by the 1917 General Assembly as part of the commemoration of the state's 1916 Centennial celebration. The winning design was by Paul Hadley of Mooresville, Ind. The torch stands for liberty and enlightenment; the rays represent their far-reaching influence. The thirteen stars in a circle represent the original thirteen states; the five stars in the circle represent the next five states; the large star is Indiana, the nineteenth state. The state flag is always displayed on the observer's right of the American flag.



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God crowned her hills with beauty,
Gave her lakes and winding streams,
Then He edged them all with woodlands
As the setting for our dreams.
Lovely are her moonlit rivers,
Shadowed by the sycamores,
Where the fragrant winds of Summer
Play along the willowed shores.
I must roam those wooded hillsides,
I must heed the native call,
For a pagan voice within me
Seems to answer to it all.
I must walk where squirrels scamper
Down a rustic old rail fence,

Where a choir of birds is singing
In the woodland...green and dense.
I must learn more of my homeland
For it's paradise to me,
There's no haven quite as peaceful,
There's no place I'd rather be.
Indiana...is a garden
Where the seeds of peace have grown,
Where each tree, and vine, and flower
Has a beauty...all its own.
Lovely are the fields and meadows,
That reach out to hills that rise
Where the dreamy Wabash River
Wanders on...through paradise.

ON THE BANKS OF THE WABASH, FAR AWAY

'Round my Indiana homestead wave
the cornfields,
In the distance loom the woodlands
clear and cool,
 Oftentimes my tho'ts revert to scenes
of childhood,
Where I first received my lessons—
nature's school.
But one thing there is missing in the
picture,
Without her face it seems so incom-
plete,
I long to see my mother in the door-
way,
As she stood there years ago, her boy
to greet.

CHORUS

Oh, the moonlight's fair tonight along
the Wabash,
From the fields there comes the breath

of new-mown hay,
Through the sycamores the candle
lights are gleaming,
On the banks of the Wabash, far away.

Many years have passed since I strolled
by the river,
Arm in arm, with sweetheart Mary by
my side,
It was there I tried to tell her that I
loved her,
It was there I begged of her to be my
bride.
Long years have passed since I strolled
thro' the churchyard.
She's sleeping there, my angel, Mary
dear,
I loved her, but she thought I didn't
mean it,
Still I'd give my future were she only
here.

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Dear Friends,

I hope you find the information enclosed in this handout helpful in informative. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding state government.

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CITY AND COUNTY FACTS

- ▶ 54 Indiana cities and towns have the exact same names as Indiana counties.
- ▶ 15 cities and towns are in counties that have the same name as theirs.
- ▶ 39 cities and towns are in counties that have a different name from theirs.

Most Common Names of Indiana Towns and Cities:

- 5 Mt Pleasants—in Cass, Delaware, Johnson, Martin and Perry Counties
- 4 Buena Vistas—in Franklin, Gibson, Harrison and Randolph Counties
- 4 Millersburgs—in Elkhart, Hamilton, Orange and Warrick Counties
- 4 Salems—county seat of Washington County others in Adams, Jay and Union Counties
- 3 Hamiltons—in Clinton, St Joseph and Steuben Counties
- 3 Needmores—in Brown, Lawrence and Vigo Counties
- 3 Wheelings—in Carroll, Delaware and Gibson Counties
- 52 Cities and Towns that are NEW something (with New as a separate word) and 10 others that have New as the first syllable of their names.
- 26 Cities and Towns that are Mount something.
- 23 Cities and Towns that are Saint someone.
- West is the first name or first syllable of 24 cities and towns.
- South is the first name or first syllable of 14 cities and towns.
- North is the first name or first syllable of 13 cities and towns.
- East is the first name or first syllable of 7 cities and towns.
- There are 13 cities and towns that have Green, Greene or Greens as first name or first syllable.
- There are 12 cities and towns that have Lake as first name or syllable (2 are in Lake County).

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